"…having Christ all and self nothing"

"*Through much tribulation we must enter the kingdom*"

(**Acts 14:22**)

We do not merely enter the kingdom of heaven through much tribulation, but we really enter feelingly and spiritually into the kingdom of his manifested grace in the soul through tribulation; and as we are brought to have tribulation upon tribulation, the Lord appears, and blesses our souls with the unction of this truth, and we begin to walk blessedly into it.

I will just tell you how it was with me. When in this state, I made up my mind to keep out of the company of all God's people. But on one occasion a poor woman, who is now gone to glory, saw me come and called me by my name, and said, "Are you going to Coventry?" which was about eighteen miles from where I lived. I said, "Yes, I am." "O! Stop a moment then," said she; "for my John is going there." "Now," thought I, "I shall be found out, and I shall be just like Cain, going about with a brand upon me. I must take care that John does not talk to me about religion. I will talk to him about trade and politics all the way to Coventry. I will take care we have nothing about religion." And so, when he came up, I began about those things; but he cut the matter short, and took me up at once: "I want to know why you go to [church]?" "Ah!" I thought. "This is cutting me up at once. Do not ask me," said I. "But I must know," he said. "I really cannot tell you." "Well, what do you think of yourself?" said he. "What are your feelings?" "I dare not tell you," said I. "Do not ask me, for really I dare not." "Nay," said he; "but let me have a little of it;" and so he began [pumping for information] (I think he had a tolerably [amount of info on me]), and he got one little bit and then another, till at last he began to smile. And then I thought, "Ah! He has found it out, and he is laughing at my calamity, and mocking while my fear is coming." But at length he said, "Now who do you think taught you this? Nature never taught it." [John 6:45] And he began to point out the Word of God as suited to such a condition [Galatians 5:17], and showed how it was the state that God led all His people into, from time to time. God sweetly brought it to my heart, set my soul at liberty, and the Bible became a new Bible to me. It seemed to unfold mysteries that I never knew before. And thus my poor soul was led to walk in the truth of God while I was walking in this path of tribulation. And then I began to talk about the blessed enjoyment given me of God's revealed truth, and the people called me an Antinomian. Why, they might as well have called me a Pagan; for I did not know what an Antinomian was. But I never since have got off this ground, and I trust I never shall, of having Christ all and self nothing [Colossians 2:10, 3:11]. [AMEN!] —William Gadsby

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"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, ~~merit~~ ***inherit*** *the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"*

(**Matthew 25:34**)

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Someone said, "Old habits die hard." Yet, old habits can be put to death. But the old lusts of the flesh will never die. Not until this body is in the grave will the lusts of the flesh be eradicated. Believers do not grow more sinful over the years; but in their own eyes they appear more sinful. The light of Christ's glory and grace exposes the evil and sin of our hearts. The more we know of Christ, the more we are inclined to say with Paul, *"I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing"* (Romans 7:18). My hope of acceptance with God is not in my righteousness, but in the perfect righteousness of Christ. Don Fortner

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

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Grace Articles

My Sheep Hear My Voice

"*..I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish…*"

(John 10:28)

***"My sheep hear my voice"* says the Good Shepherd**

They hear Him, according to the power of God; the Lord said that the Father *"hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life"* to as many as the Father has given Him (John 17:2).

***"I know them, and they follow me"* says our Good Shepherd**

His sheep are *known* of Him, according to the purpose of God; the testimony of the Holy Spirit is that they are *"elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father"* and by the *"sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ"* are redeemed and cleansed (1 Peter 1:2).

***"I give unto them eternal life…they shall never perish"* says our Lord**

They are preserved by Him, according to the preservation of God; the testimony of the Holy Spirit is that we are *"kept by the power of God through faith* [the perfect faith of Christ] *unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"* (1 Peter 1:5).

If you can hear Him, rejoice! For thou art greatly blessed of God, beloved.—Pastor

Here Is A Sad Contrast!

"*The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.*"

(Psalm 1:4)

Here is a sad contrast! All that are not ingrafted in Jesus, the heavenly vine, their blossom shall go up as the dust, and their destruction cometh speedily! *Every plant*, saith Jesus himself, *which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up* [Mathew 15:13], this is a strong figure to shew the emptiness of the ungodly, the chaff; for what is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord. *"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD"* (Jeremiah 23:28). —Robert Hawker